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Application Number	09/253,638
Filing Date	2/19/1999
First Named Inventor	Keisuke Oguro
Art Unit	1713
Examiner Name	Fred Zitomer
Attorney Docket Number	1217-990257

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on February 28, 2002 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b. Other _____

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In re application of : **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING POLYMERIC ACTUATORS**

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A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith.

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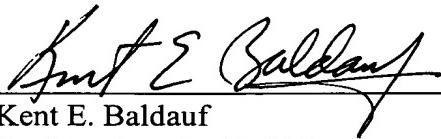
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